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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
Minutes of December 4, 1968

MEMBERS PRESENT: Smith, Ferguson, Green, White, Crane, Holley, Price, Fagan, Lahey, Bouknight, Hieronymus, Rawls, Spaniol, Gover, Tingley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

The minutes of November 20, 1968, were approved as corrected. Correction of the minutes of November 20, 1968: Page 3, under OLD BUSINESS, Section A, Line 6, remove the sentence "It was moved by a list of reasons for acceptance of the proposal." (A typographically created miasma.)

REPORTS:

- A. The Board of Governors meeting of November 21, 1968, by Dr. White: The meeting was concerned with building plans at other institutions, the disposition of routine matters, the President's report on Eastern in terms of statistical records of enrollment, personnel transactions, and expenditures for the month. President Doudna said that there was no official institutional attitude on the question of full-rides.

After the meeting, Chairman White conferred with the Executive Secretary of the Board. The point of discussion was Eastern's request for a relaxation of the voting dates and eligibility regulations in regard to the proposal for a Council of Faculties. The Executive Secretary felt that no change could be made because the procedures were already in effect at the other three institutions. Sympathy was expressed by Dr. McKelvey and Dr. Taylor, but we will proceed as instructed by the Board. Chairman White recommended to the executive committee of the Senate that voting be conducted as ordered. The Senate Secretary withheld his approval of the recommendation.

Dr. McKelvey and Dr. Taylor seemed favorable to the process of amendment of procedures within the structure of the proposal for the Council although they did not approve a change in voting methods or eligibility at this time.

- B. Voting on the proposal for a Council of Faculties: Dr. Spaniol reported that the voting was taking place as directed by the Board of Governors. Eligibility for voting had been liberally interpreted within the limits of Dr. McKelvey's instructions.
- C. Joint Faculty Salary Committee: Dr. Ferguson reported on the discussions during a recent meeting of the Committee. Most of the conversation centered on the relationship of the cost of living to salaries.
- D. Ad hoc committee on summer rotation: Tim Gover presented a three-page report which will be considered as a future meeting of the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From Dean Ringenberg saying that at a meeting of the Letters and Science Department Heads there was unanimous agreement that department heads should be considered as members of the teaching faculty.
- B. From Dr. Catherine Smith, a note referring to the definition of "controversial" as used in the Council on Academic Affairs and the resulting delay of voting. This is evidently a procedural matter explained in the minutes of the Council on Academic Affairs for September 12, 1963. The purpose seems to be to facilitate business and any member may ask for a delay of vote.
- C. From J. D. Zachary, a statement on the advisability of having a "dead day" for Winter Quarter. He favors retaining such a day for the benefit of students. He also asked whether the Senate has ever discussed the relationship of grades to cuts. Although it is known that some instructors do find a relationship, the topic has not been a matter of study by the Senate. Several university bodies and officials have made statements about cutting classes, including the Council on Academic Affairs.
- D. From Dr. Giffin, Chairman of the Council for Teacher Education, a statement on the election procedure for officers of the Council: After discussing the matter, the Council unanimously agreed that "The present procedure for electing the Council for Teacher Education Chairman should be retained as a means of enhancing quality and continuity in deliberations through the initial period of newly elected members' service."

The endorsement of the procedure was based on two assumptions: (1) Until the new members have served for a year, none of them is in a position to serve adequately as chairman and should not be placed in a position which might result in his election to the chairmanship; (2) Until the new members have served for a year, they are not adequately prepared to participate in determining who should serve as chairman of the Council. To ask new members to vote for candidates for the chairmanship before they have had time to observe the members of the Council in action over a period of time is unrealistic.

- E. From Vice President Holt, a report on a meeting concerned with retirement policies.
- F. From Vice President Holt, a report on matters relating to retirement. Both communications from Mr. Holt were complex and Dr. Ferguson will examine them in order to make a summary for the Senate.
- G. From Dr. Hopkins, a question about the validity of having the Dean, Student Personnel Services, make faculty appointments to the Student-Faculty Boards when this process has normally been one that belongs to the Senate.

After discussion of Dr. Hopkins' note, it was moved (Price) and seconded (Ferguson) to have the letter published in the minutes. The vote was 13 in favor and none against.

"The Dean, Student Personnel Services shall appoint faculty members to the Student-Faculty Boards and each year shall designate a faculty co-chairman to serve one year, preferably a member with prior experience on the Board." This statement appears in the latest revision of the General Provisions for Student-Faculty Boards at Eastern Illinois University.

"This statement should be of concern to the Faculty Senate because for the first time in the history of the institution faculty members become responsible to the Dean, Student Personnel Services.

"I have no quarrel with the man who currently holds the position but by definition his responsibility should be limited to Student Personnel Services and should not include authority to appoint faculty members to Student-Faculty Boards.

"Please note also that faculty members may be placed in embarrassing as well as dangerous positions by the revised statement of policies. For example, the chairman of the Artists Series Board is expected to co-sign letters and contracts and pay vouchers for performances which may involve as much as \$15,000; yet the faculty member is not empowered to correspond with agencies, make contractual agreements, or present vouchers to the cashier. The Faculty Senate should not permit a faculty member to be placed in such an intolerable situation."

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. The Council on Faculty Research - The Statement of Policy Relative to Research at Eastern Illinois University was accepted by the Faculty Senate and the President in 1968. Later, a title change to Council on Faculty Research was approved and it was agreed that the Council should report to the Vice President for Instruction instead of to the President. The recent changes and clarifications of policy do not effect any major variations in the original report. It was moved (Holley) and seconded (Fagan) that the Senate accept the report of the committee. The motion passed with 13 for and none against.
- B. Constitution - Article III, Membership and Election was the first item for discussion. The status of librarians, Executive Assistants, Teaching Assistants, and Instructors was gone over in several ways. There was only a modest protest against the inclusion of department heads and division heads. It appeared that of the people working in the library, some teach part-time and some do not. Some are members of the Library Science Department and some are not. The term "permanent" as applied to faculty members seems to have no precise meaning, the use of "tenured" would removed too many faculty members from consideration.

It was moved (Ferguson) and seconded (Price) to word Section 1 of Article III as follows:

"The Faculty Senate shall be composed of faculty who are engaged exclusively in classroom teaching and/or academic research, but specifically including

teaching members of the Library Science staff, department heads, and division chairmen. (Hereafter the term faculty refers to those designated above.)"

The motion passed with 8 for and 3 against.

Section 2 of Article III was discussed. It was moved (Gover) and seconded (Price) that Section 2 be approved as printed. The motion passed with 11 for and 1 against.

Section 3 or Article III was considered and revised. It was recommended that this section read:

- a. Five members shall be elected each April to three-year terms.
- b. Only faculty are eligible to vote.
- c. Other needful procedures for the election process shall be established by the Faculty Senate through its By-Laws.

The title of Section 3 shall be: "The number of Senators shall be fifteen at all times."

It was recommended that the Senate hold the election procedures for new members until Article IX, Ratification and Implementation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. and the next meeting will be December 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room of the University Union.

CALENDAR

September	University Calendar
October	Welfare
November	Budget
December	-----
January	-----
February	Welfare
March	Committee Nominations
April	Elections
May	Buildings and Grounds

AGENDA

1. Constitution
2. Major and minor committees and councils
3. Overloads

William J. Crane
Secretary